

CAR-122

Quaker Meeting House  
Ridgely  
Private

Circa 1795

Originally the dwelling now standing on Maryland Route 480 north of Hillsboro was a Quaker Meeting House. It was moved from Greensboro in this century and converted into a house. The lot on which the Meeting House stood was purchased by the Quakers in 1795. The building was built soon afterwards. (Horsey, E. F., Origins of Caroline County, Volume I, page 50).

**Property Name:** Greensboro Quaker Meeting House  
**Address:** 11525 Ridgely Road  
**City:** Ridgely **Zip Code:** 21660  
**USGS Quadrangle(s):** Ridgely  
**Property Owner:** Thelma Harris  
**Tax Map Parcel Number(s):**  
**Project:** Interfaith Housing Development Corporation  
**Agency Prepared By:** Maryland Historical Trust  
**Preparer's Name:** Amanda Apple  
**Documentation Is Presented In:**

**Inventory Number:** CAR-122  
**Historic District:** ☐ Yes ☒ No  
**County:** Caroline  
**Tax Account ID Number:**  
**Tax Map Number:**  
**Agency:** HUD Community Development Block Grant  
**Date Prepared:** 12/31/2008

*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*

Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: \_\_\_\_ Yes Listed: \_\_\_\_ Yes

Site Visit by MHT Staff: Yes No Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The building is a one-and-a-half-story; wood frame building that adopts a rectangular footprint. The exterior walls appear to be clad in aluminum siding. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles. A one story addition wraps around the building. The building appears much the same as when documented in 1976/77.

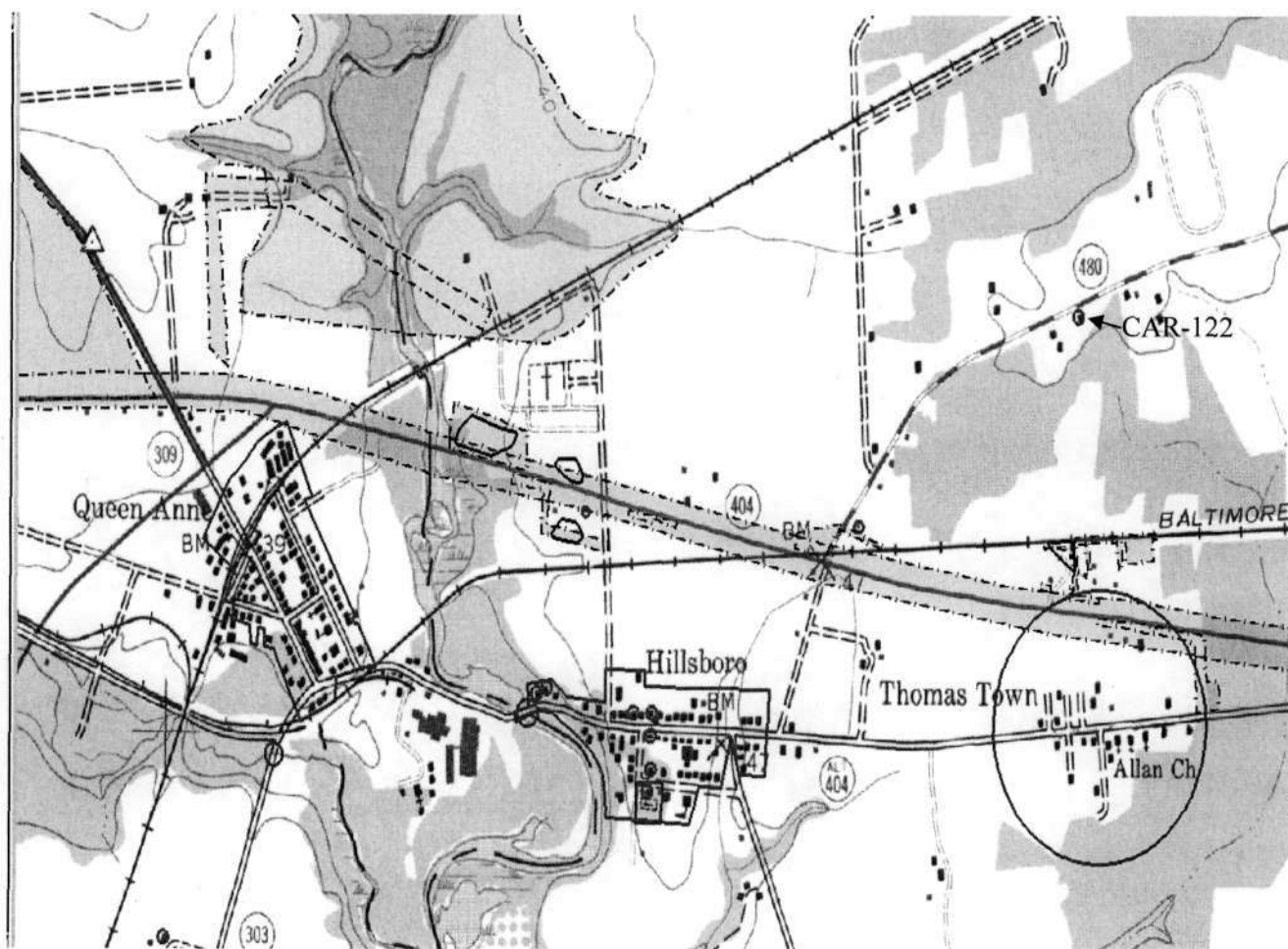
The core of the building is thought to be the original Quaker Meeting House which stood in Greensboro before it was moved to current location. The Meeting House once played an important role in the religious life of the Greensboro Community in the 19th century, but with its subsequent relocation and reuse the building no longer is associated with its original community or events pertaining to that community applying National Register Criterion A and B. Unfortunately the Meeting House has been substantially altered when it was turned into a private residence. These alterations have compromised the building's integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. The individual building no longer possesses sufficient integrity to embody the design of a rural Quaker Meeting Houses applying National Register Criterion C.

The Interfaith Housing Development Corporation of the Maryland Eastern Shore has proposed the demolition of what's now known as the Harris House.

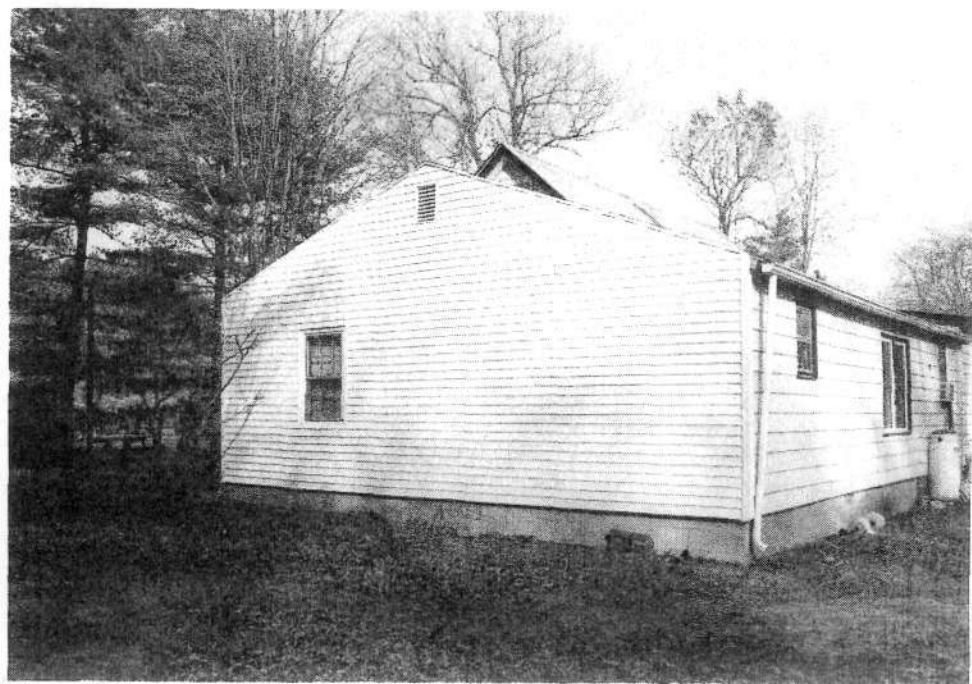
Eligibility Recommended: <u>    </u>				Eligibility Not Recommended: <u>X</u>								
Criteria:	A	B	C	D	Considerations:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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11525 Ridgely Road  
Caroline County  
USGS 7.5 minute Ridgely Quadrangle map



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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Greensboro Quaker Meeting House

AND/OR COMMON

Home of Mr. &amp; Mrs. Walter Harris

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Md. Rt. 480,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile N.W. of Md. Rt. 404

CITY, TOWN

Hillsboro

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Caroline

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. &amp; Mrs. Walter Harris

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Rt. 1, Box 130

CITY, TOWN

Ridgely

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21660

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Caroline County Courthouse

Liber #: 108

Folio #: 272

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Denton

STATE

Maryland 21629

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE



**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT      ☐ DETERIORATED  
☒ GOOD            ☐ RUINS  
☐ FAIR            ☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ ORIGINAL SITE  
☒ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Standing on the south side of Maryland Route 480 near Hillsboro is a small yellow house behind a white picket fence. The core of this building is the original Quaker Meeting House which stood in Greensboro before it was moved to its present location.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The building is important for the role it played in the religious life of the Greensboro community in the 19th century.

Photograph not available.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

June, 1977

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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GREENSBORO QUAKER MEETINGHOUSE